

Programme

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2008

Theme: Investing in Women and Girls

Friday, 7 March 2008

**Organized by the International Women's Day Task Force
at the
United Nations Conference Centre, Conference Room 4**

09.30 hrs.

Opening Session

Opening statement by Mr. Shigeru Mochida, Deputy Executive Secretary and Officer-in-Charge, a.i., ESCAP Secretariat

Statement by Ms. Gwi-Yeop Son, UN Resident Coordinator in Thailand

09.45 hrs.

Keynote Speakers

Introductory remarks on "financing for gender equality" by Ms. Thelma Kay, Chief, Emerging Social Issues Division, ESCAP

Presentation on "Investing in Women and Girls: India's Experience on Gender Responsive Budgeting for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment" by H.E. Ms. Latha Reddy, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative to ESCAP, Embassy of India

Presentation on "Women's, Girls and Human Rights in Dutch Development Cooperation and Foreign Policy" by H.E. Mr. Pieter Jozef Theofile Marres, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative to ESCAP, The Royal Netherlands Embassy

10.10 hrs.

Dialogue: Investing in gender equality and freedom from violence

Chair of panel and sum up by Ms. Jean D'Cunha, Regional Programme Director, UNIFEM East and South East Asia

Ms. Maytinee Bhongsvej, Executive Director, Association for the Promotion of the Status of Women

Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn, Professor of Law, Chulalongkorn University

Ms. Chen Xiaoyan, Gender and Development Studies, Asian Institute of Technology

Mr. Larry Jagan, Freelance Journalist and Media Consultant

11.00 hrs.

Question and Answer session

11.20 hrs. Briefing on the Secretary-General’s Campaign to End Violence against Women

Overview by Ms. Jean D’Cunha, Regional Programme Director, UNIFEM East and South East Asia

Brief statements by United Nations agencies on activities under the campaign

11.30 hrs. Short films

UNIFEM’s Gender-Responsive Budgeting Initiative, Commonwealth TV, UNIFEM

The Women’s Bank, from *A Matter of Rights* video series exploring the Right to Development, produced for ESCAP by Young Asia Television (YA*TV)

11.45 hrs. Exhibition, tea and coffee break at UNCC, 1st Floor

12.15 hrs. Afternoon film screening (optional)

Nepal: Violence against Women, 21st Century Television Series, United Nations Television (UNTV) (6 minutes)

ILO/Japan Expansion of Employment Opportunity for Women (EEOW) Cambodia, International Labour Organization (ILO) (20 minutes)

Losing Hope: Women in Afghanistan, Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (20 minutes)

The Day I Became a Woman, a film by Marziyeh Meshkini, distributed in Thailand by Mangpong (75 minutes) (Screening made possible by the generosity of Mangpong)